

CHURCH PROUD OF PASTOR.

Concord Baptist Giving Dr. William Maurice Moss Loyal Support.

The steady progress of the Concord Baptist church in Brooklyn, under the pastorate of the Rev. William M. Moss, D. D., for the past two years is the best evidence that the church made no mistake in the selection of a pastor well qualified for leadership. The pastor's New Year's gift to the members of the church and congregation was his annual report, neatly printed and bearing these words from the book of Numbers, xxiii, 23: "What hath God wrought!"

The report covers the twenty auxiliaries of the church for the fiscal year. It gives the number of members in each, the amount of money collected, how spent and balance in treasury or bank. The Sunday school membership is reckoned at 583, with a total collection for the year of \$883.33. Next in financial rank is the Dorcas Home Mission society, which donated to missions and educational work \$550.92.

The pastor's individual record of work is given as follows: Number of visits in and out of the membership, 454; added to the church by baptism, 96; by letter, 16; by experience, 104; by restoration, 17. The total membership of the church, Jan. 1, 1913, as recorded by the clerk and the pastor, is 1,545. The receipts for the past year from all sources were \$11,399.64. Of this amount \$2,512.80 was donated to missions, education and various benevolent objects.

The success of Dr. Moss at Concord is all the more remarkable from the fact that he is pastoring a church which has had only one other minister during forty-six years up to two years ago. Naturally the new pastor has had much to consider in methods of administering the affairs of a congregation thus trained under one leader for so long a time. But Dr. Moss has succeeded in giving entire satisfaction, and the people willingly follow his leadership.

NEW FORCE IN EDUCATION.

American Church Institute to Have Auxiliary in Philadelphia.

Bishop Rhinelander recently held a meeting of clergymen in Philadelphia for the purpose of organizing a Philadelphia auxiliary to the American church institute, which fosters educational work among Afro-Americans. The meeting was harmonious, and the bishop appointed a committee to arrange for and organize the proposed auxiliary.

The American Church Institute For Colored People has under its supervision the following named educational institutions: The Bishop Payne Divinity school, Petersburg, Va.; St. Augustine's school, Raleigh, N. C.; the St. Paul Normal and Industrial school, Lawrenceville, Va.; St. Athanasius' school, Brunswick, Ga.; St. Mark's school, Birmingham, Ala., and the Vicksburg Industrial school, Vicksburg, Miss.

NATIONAL LEAGUE SEEKS TO UPLIFT THE PEOPLE.

Opens Housing Bureau in Heart of Thickly Settled District.

The National League on Urban Conditions Among Colored People has recently established at 11 West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, New York, a housing bureau, which is destined to perform a much needed mission in this district. The main purpose of this bureau is to furnish to the public a list of respectable apartment houses in which tenants may be assured of dignified and refined associations.

This movement is a result of the clamoring of the better classes of colored people for a clearer line of demarcation between the respectable and the disreputable, for so uncertain are the tenants of the houses in which the latter class moves that it has been stated over and over again by responsible residents of this district that such provision as the league is now making is absolutely necessary.

The plan of the housing bureau is simple. Lists of houses which real estate agents desire to have approved are furnished by these agents to the bureau, which after inspection and interviews with responsible individuals residing in these houses are formally certified to. Complaints are received from persons who are annoyed, and when only one or two families in a house are known to be responsible for such undue annoyance, with the co-operation of the agent and owner, these individuals are summarily dispossessed.

It is apparent that only through the creation of clear moral consciousness and an advanced community spirit can such an effort prove efficacious. Public opinion, coupled with the support of real estate agents and owners, will easily bring about the desired change. One agent has testified to the fact that in the past it was lack of moral courage which made it impossible for him to get rid of objectionable families.

An owner of a large amount of property in this district has said that the cause of higher rents and indiscriminate mixing lies at the door of the tenants themselves.

Work of Street Manual Training School.

The Street Manual Training school in Richmond, Ala., of which Professor Emanuel M. Brown is president, shows steady growth in its enrollment and proficiency in its work. The students are diligent in their studies and are wont to make the best use of every opportunity whereby they may advance themselves.

WELL PREPARED FOR HIGH POST

Public School Medical Inspector Proves Worth.

NATIVE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Former House Physician in Charge at the Frederick Douglass Hospital Praised by Prominent Men of the Profession—Tactful and Kind in the Performance of Duty.

By A. P. CALDWELL.

Philadelphia.—When the fifty-five permanent medical inspectors of the public schools of this city were appointed by Dr. Joseph S. Neff, director of public health and charities, in February, 1912, the Philadelphia Courant took the position that the sole Afro-American, Dr. John Patrick Turner, the only successful candidate of the race to pass the required examination, would fill the position with honor and credit.

How well Dr. Turner has made good is amply revealed in the work he has accomplished in the district in which he has had charge since his appointment as medical inspector of the Thomas Durham school, Sixteenth and Lombard streets; James Pollock school, Fitzwater street below Sixteenth, and the James Reynolds school, Twentieth



DR. JOHN P. TURNER.

and Jefferson streets. The work done at these schools gives ample evidence of the commendable ability of this young man.

Dr. Turner has done his work well. This fact is testified to by Dr. Walter S. Cornell, director of the medical inspection of public schools, who said: "I am glad to add this word of testimony by way of commendation. Dr. J. P. Turner is efficient in every way and is doing excellent work, and the department is gratified with what he is doing in successfully caring for the work under his charge."

Dr. John P. Turner represents the best of our young men practicing the profession of medicine and has been a success. For the appointment as medical inspector of public schools Dr. Turner received the cordial endorsement of prominent white and Afro-American citizens.

Dr. Turner is a native of Raleigh, N. C., but took his preliminary training in the public schools of New York and subsequently in the College of the City of New York. He is a graduate in medicine from Shaw university, class of 1906, which same year he came to Philadelphia and became house physician in the Frederick Douglass hospital.

Dr. Walter W. Roach, supervisor medical inspection of schools of the Fifth district, in commenting the work of Dr. Turner, said: "Dr. Turner is a very efficient inspector. His work is satisfactory both to the teachers and myself. He is tactful and of pleasing appearance."

Dr. James McG. Hincken, supervisor medical inspection of schools of the Second district, speaks commendatory of the work of Dr. Turner, as follows: "It is with pleasure that I speak of the high grade of work Dr. Turner as a school medical inspector. He is certainly making good, and I feel that his work and its results are due to his kindly and tactful attitude toward the pupils of the public schools with whom he comes in contact."

The editor of the Philadelphia Courant says he is always gratified to bear witness to the work that is being accomplished by our young men who enter the public service, and in this instance he feels proud that our optimism regarding Dr. Turner, that he would make good, has been verified. Dr. Turner has the exceptional distinction of inspecting in two districts, the Second and Fifth, respectively, of which Drs. Hincken and Roach are supervisors, the only instance of this kind among the district inspectors of the city.

Within the two districts he has the Thomas Durham school, Sixteenth and Lombard streets, with 1,200 pupils; the James Reynolds school, Twentieth and Jefferson streets, with 700 pupils, and James Pollock school, Fitzwater, below Sixteenth, with 600 pupils.



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Gazed deep into his eyes,
And, though he was not then reproved,
She fathomed all his lies.

He swore his love would ne'er grow cold
Despite misfortune's frowns.
She wondered if this sutor bold
Could buy her hats and gowns.
—Hartford Times.

"I am very, very fond of you," he whispered in her ear.
"Then we shall get along splendidly. I am very fond of myself," she answered.—Browning's Magazine.

The winter girl is happy now.
That's she who gently purrs.
The winter winds have brushed the smell
Of camphor from her furs.
—Yonker's Statesman.

"Is it expensive to send a boy to college?"
"No," replied the father, who had just received another request for funds, "but I find it's expensive to keep him there."—Detroit Free Press.

When, at fourteen, she went to school
The boys, a lot of chattering parrots
And not too courteous, as a rule,
All called her "Carrots."

A few brief years passed o'er her head.
Love proved himself a true magician.
The boys found out that fiery red
Is "brightest Titian."
—Pack.

Father—I can't understand why you want to be a prizefighter!
Son—Easy! Because it's all prize and no fight.—Judge.

Songs are sung to the brave and fair
Over the foaming beer and wine,
So why not a toast to that hardy pair—
The Andron boys on the firing line?
—Life.

Jimson—I do spring cleaning at all seasons of the year.
Jackson—How's that?
Jimson—I'm a watchmaker.—New York American.

"May I—may I kiss you, dear?"
Said he.

"First I want one thing made clear,"
Said she.

"Have you e'er kissed maid before
Or tried?"

"No," he answered—she was sure
He lied.

Then with willing lips she whispered,
"Well,

Yes, you may, since you don't kiss
And tell."
—Pittsburgh Press.

RACE CONFERENCE AND CORN EXPOSITION JAN. 27.

Columbia (S. C.) Citizens Plan Big Gathering at State Capital.

The citizens of Columbia, S. C., are making ample preparation for the entertainment of delegates and visitors to the South Carolina race conference to be held in Columbia in connection with the corn exposition from Jan. 27 to Feb. 8, 1913, inclusive. The conference was organized six years ago for the purpose of discussing the various problems affecting the welfare of the race in the state in particular and the country at large.

The literary program will devote a day to methods of work among children and one day to each of the following subjects and interests—viz, the Humane society, education, business, religion and general conditions among the colored people throughout the state. Some of the prominent men invited to speak are the Rev. Dr. Charles T. Walker of Augusta, Ga.; Dr. Francis Romley of Boston, Mrs. C. J. Walker of Indianapolis, Ind.; Rev. E. Granville-Sutton and Dr. Dillard, chairman of the Anna Jeanes fund.

The corn exposition will no doubt attract many prominent business men and heads of the different agricultural schools to Columbia. Therefore the promoters of the race conference think this an opportune time to hold the annual meeting of the organization. The Rev. Richard Carroll, the prime mover in so many movements of the kind in the state is optimistic in his predictions for the success of the conference along all lines of its work.

Every meeting of the organization since its beginning in 1906 has been successful, says the Rev. Mr. Carroll, and those who have attended have returned to their homes year after year helped and encouraged by the information gained by contact with others engaged in similar work along the various lines of industry and education. The arrangement committee has secured reduced rates on all railroads leading into Columbia for delegates and visitors to both conference and corn exposition.

There once was a splinter named Kate,
Who marriage affected to hate,
But along came a gee,
Who remarked, "Marry me!"
And tomorrow she fixed at the date.
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Monument Man—What shall I put on your husband's tombstone, madam?
Distracted Widow—Oh, say that he was my husband and that he is happy now!—Life.

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